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Submitted Date : 12/10/2014

 Requester : Veronique LaCapra

Perfected Date : 12/10/2014

Organization : St. Louis Public Radio

Last Assigned Date : 12/10/2014

Requester Has Account : Yes

Fee Limit : \$25.00

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Request Track : Expedited

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Due Date : 03/04/2015

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Submission Details

Case File

Admin Cost

Assigned Tasks

Comments (5)

Review

Request HandlingRequester Info Available to Yes
the Public :

Request Perfected : Yes

Request Track : Expedited

Perfected Date : 12/10/2014

Fee Category : Media/Educational

Acknowledgement Sent Date: 12/10/2014

Fee Waiver Requested: Yes

Unusual Circumstances ? : Yes

Fee Waiver Status: Not Billable

see correspondence

Expedited Processing Yes

Requested :

Expedited Processing Status : Grant

Litigation : No

Request Description

Short Description : N/A

I request that EPA Region 7 provide me with the following documents, via email, in the form of searchable pdfs:

(1) The USGS Groundwater Review Report of the area under and around the Bridgeton and West Lake Landfills in Missouri. This report is referenced in this EPA update: http://www.epa.gov/region7/cleanup/west_lake_landfill/pdf/west-lake-update-09-18-2014.pdf

In an interview in September 2014, EPA R7 Administrator Karl Brooks said this report would be made available to the public in early November, but it has yet to be released (see last sentence: <http://news.stlpublicradio.org/post/what-epa-has-say-about-west-lake-landfill-and-why-everything-taking-so-long>).

Area residents are concerned about their health and eager to see the report, which includes data on groundwater contamination in residential areas.

A more limited, July 2014, review of groundwater data by the Missouri Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) found evidence of increasing groundwater contamination in the area of the landfills, including unsafe levels of benzene, arsenic, and other chemicals toxic to human health. See: <http://www.dnr.mo.gov/bridgeton/docs/reviewdectnmonassessmentmonplan073014.pdf>

Although the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) compiled the report I am requesting, I have been told by USGS staff that only EPA has the authority to release it.

(2) Any and all communications about the USGS Groundwater Review Report, including but not limited to emails, texts, notes, memos, letters, summaries of telephone conversations, and meeting minutes, written or sent:

(a) by EPA employees for their own use

(b) between EPA employees

(c) between EPA employees and employees of (i) USGS; (ii) MDNR; the Missouri Attorney General's Office; (iii) the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; (iv) Republic Services or its subsidiaries; (v) other West Lake PRPs.

Here, the term "employees" includes, but is not limited to: contractors, career staff, political appointees, and elected officials.

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Public :

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Attached Supporting Files

No supporting files have been added.